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Mr. Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As the Executive Director of Rebuilding Together St. Louis (RTSTL), our organizations vision is to have a safe and healthy home for every person. A neighborhood isn't made of houses and streets. A neighborhood is made up of people. Across St. Louis, age, disability and a lack of resources can erode communities as houses fall into disrepair and force neighbors out of the places they call home. In such times, it is important to bring volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners. It is also critical to have outside organizations that will partner with us and donate time and money to the cause. Their impact to our ranks is essential and one of these partners is Charter Communications.

I have worked closely with Charter during the past few years on various Rebuilding Together projects in the Metropolitan St. Louis area. Not only does Charter provide financial resources; their employees have demonstrated their willingness to help us on various home repair project. Earlier this year, more than 60 Charter employees helped in the repairs of two homes in Pine Lawn, Missouri. Charter now has expanded their focus in working with Rebuilding Together through the company's national effort, Charter Our Community. Charter Our Community has a goal of rehabilitating and rebuilding 25,000 unsafe homes by 2020.

As part of the New Charter merger, Charter plans to incorporate community initiatives already in place by Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. This includes TWC's award-winning diversity initiatives in the workplace as well as Bright House's low-income program that provides discounted rates for high-quality broadband.

New Charter will have a positive impact not only for our community but for the communities that become a part of this transaction. I hope the Commission will support the merger.

Sincerely,

Dave Ervin

**Executive Director**